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SUBJECT: FALSE RUMOR OF SUGAR MILL CLOSURE

1. EMBASSY HAS CONFIRMED AS FALSE THE RUMOR THAT LA VICTORIA'S RECENTLY-INAUGURATED PACORA SUGAR MILL WILL BE CLOSED DOWN, DISASSEMBLED AND RELOCATED ELSEWHERE BECAUSE OF DISAPPOINTING PRODUCTION OF SUGAR IN INITIAL WEEKS OF OPERATION DUE TO UNSUITABLE LAND IN THE AREA FOR CULTIVATION OF SUGAR.

2. OFFICIAL OF THE GOVERNMENT-OWNED LA. VICTORIA CORPORATION REPORTS THAT THE PACORA MILL PRODUCED ONLY 6554 SHORT TONS OF SUGAR AS IT OPERATED ONLY 35 DAYS THIS YEAR, ITS FIRST SEASON OF PRODUCTION. NEXT YEAR HE EXPECTS FULL PRODUCTION (C. 50,000 ST). SUGAR PRODUCED SO FAR HAS BEEN OF GOOD QUALITY, GOOD COLOR AND POLARIZATION. SOME 3,000 TONS OF THE PACORA PRODUCTION IS DUE TO BE EXPORTED TO THE UNITED STATES NEXT WEEK.

3. OFFICIAL EXPLAINED THAT LA VICTORIA IS MOVING SOME OF THE SUPPORTING EQUIPMENT FROM PACORA TO USE IN OPERATIONS AT ITS NEW ALANJE MILL BEGINNING LATER THIS MONTH, INCLUDING TRACTORS, CONVEYORS, AND THE LIKE, BUT THAT THIS IS A TEMPORARY MEASURE FOR THIS YEAR ONLY. THESE EQUIPMENT TRANSFERS APPARENTLY WERE THE BASIS FOR THE RUMOR.

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